

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1 and 3 are original.

Claims 2 and 4-22 are currently amended.

The claims have been amended to remove multiple dependencies and to clarify claim language.

The amendments to the claims are supported by the claims, as originally filed, and throughout the specification.

Upon entry of the amendment, Claims 1-22 will be active.

The Abstract has been amended to be one paragraph long. A clean version of the Abstract is given at the end of this paper.

No new matter is believed to have been added. An action on the merits and allowance of the claims is requested.

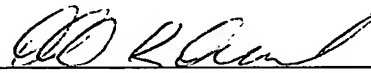
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